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SUBJECT: FAEROESE - ICELANDIC FISHERIES AGREEMENT

1. A NEWS RELEASE HERE INDICATES THE LONG AWAITED FISHERIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FAEROE ISLANDS AND ICELAND HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED AND WILL BE APPROVED BY THE FAEROESE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL THIS WEEK. THE AGREEMENT WILL INITIALLY PERMIT THE FAEROES AN ANNUAL CATCH IN ICELAND'S WATERS OF 17,000 METRIC TONS OF WHICH NO MORE THAN 8,000 TONS CAN BE COD. THE NUMBER OF VESSELS PERMITTED IS LIMITED TO 10  
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TRAWLERS AND AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF LINE VESSELS.

THE VESSEL CAPTAINS ARE OBLIGATED TO NOTIFY REYKJAVIK WHEN THEY ARRIVE ON THE GROUNDS AND ALSO REPORT THEIR POSITIONS DAILY WHILE FISHING. THE FAEROESE PRIME MINISTER INTENDS TO CONTACT CANADIAN AND NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS SOON TO SECURE NEW FISHERIES AGREEMENTS WITH THOSE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: AN OFFICIAL AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAID FAEROESE HANDLINE VESSELS WILL BE ABLE TO WORK TO WITHIN 4 NAUTICAL MILES FROM SHORE AND LONG-LINE VESSELS AND TRAWLERS MUST STAY OUTSIDE OF 12 NAUTICAL MILES. WHILE THERE WAS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF LINE VESSELS SPECIFIED, THE ENTIRE FAEROESE FLEET IS LIMITED BY THE 17,000 METRIC TON CATCH FIGURE. IN 1973 FAEROESE VESSELS CAUGHT 22,000 METRIC TONS IN ICELAND'S WATERS OF WHICH 14,000 TONS WERE COD. THEREFORE, THE REDUCTION IN THE COD CATCH PERMITTED IS SIGNIFICANT TO THE FAEROESE. THE OFFICIAL INDICATED THERE WAS NO TIME LIMIT TO THE LENGTH OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH, IF TRUE, IS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL.  
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